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### **PIC Group Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award at E.W. Brown Generating Station in Harrodsburg**

*Employees work nine years without a lost-time incident in Kentucky's third deadliest occupation*

**HARRODSBURG, Ky. (Aug. 7, 2014)** – Commissioner Anthony Russell of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined company officials from PIC Group Inc. at the E.W. Brown Generating Station to recognize employees for earning the Governor's Safety and Health Award. Five PIC Group Inc. employees have worked more than 329,663 hours without a lost-time accident or illness at the facility.

The PIC employees at E.W. Brown have not had a lost time incident in the entire time of the company's contract at the generating station, which began in 2005. Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts praised the employees for their success.

"It's rare to see 329,000 hours without a lost-time incident from a small group of employees," said Secretary Roberts. "It's special even for a company with a large amount of employees to attain this number of hours, but for a team of about five people, that is

simply remarkable, especially given the fact they have had no incidents in their entire nine-year history at E.W. Brown.”

PIC Group Inc. provides various maintenance, repair, replacement, installation, engineering and technical services for the power generation equipment at the fossil steam power plants operated by Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E). In addition to the E.W. Brown facility in Harrodsburg, PIC Group Inc. is a resident contractor at four other generating stations in Kentucky, including two in Louisville and one each in Ghent and Bedford.

“PIC’s service offerings all begin with safety,” said PIC Group Inc. President Todd Grzech. “Our LG&E and KU maintenance personnel consistently demonstrate this PIC attitude and commitment to working safely. We are proud of their accomplishments, and look forward to continuing to receive this award annually as we service our customers in a safe and quality manner.”

In a recent study of Kentucky’s workplace fatalities, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet listed maintenance worker as tied for third, behind construction and landscaping services, in the number of workplace deaths since 2011. There have been eight maintenance workers killed in Kentucky in that time period, with causes such as electrocution, suffocation, caught-in between and struck by objects or material.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of the PIC employees at the E.W. Brown Generating Station, the requirement is 250,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on PIC Group, visit [www.picworld.com](http://www.picworld.com).

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